

REMARKS

Claims 24, 26-28, 30-41, 43-45, and 47 are pending; all other claims through Claim 46 are cancelled. Claim 45 is currently amended.

35 USC 112 Rejections

Claims 24, 26-28, 30-45, and 47 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 45 is amended to delete the phrase "that may be" for each of the crosslinking agents. Claim 42 has been cancelled without prejudice. The Examiner has requested that Markush language should be utilized in claims 24, 30, 32, 33, 39, 43 and 45. As stated in a previous response, Applicant respectfully submits that "or" language is perfectly acceptable language and a known alternative to Markush language; see MPEP 2173.05(h). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

35 USC 103 Rejections

Claims 24, 26-28, 30-45, and 47 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Babu et al. (US 5,112,882) taken in view of Davison (US 3,970,771), and further in view of St. Coeur et al. (US 6,048,610) taken as state of the art.

Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is flawed for at least the reasons of record. In the last office action, the Examiner refers to Applicants' discussion of the primers in col. 8 of Babu et al., and on page 3, states:

"However they ignore the fact that at lines 59-61 this paragraph concludes with the phrase that the resulting structure "forms a special class of substrates on which the composition of the invention (i.e. the adhesive-primer layers) can be coated and subsequently radiation cured to form adhesive transfer films."

Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to the complete sentence from which the above excerpt is taken. The sentence begins on line 57 and specifically refers to release liners

and not primers. Even if the excerpt did refer to primers, Babu et al. still would not disclose the method of claim 45 in which actinic radiation is applied to cure an adhesive layer and a primer layer after the layers have been coated.

Also in the last office action, the Examiner refers to Applicants' remarks that the primer and adhesive layers described in Davison are not crosslinkable. The Examiner states that this statement is broad and has not been proven. Applicant submits that Davison does not mention crosslinking agents, nor do they refer to any type of radiation used for curing.

Fees

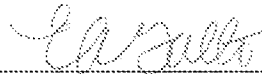
- Any required fee will be made at the time of submission via EFS-Web. In the event fees are not or cannot be paid at the time of EFS-Web submission, please charge any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.
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- Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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